

**HULMEVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 28, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Hulmeville Municipal Water Authority meeting was held on the above date via Zoom. This meeting was advertised in the Courier Times, and notice was posted at Borough Hall.

Roll call was taken by Dorothy Omietanski

**Authority Member's Present**

Kurt Ludwig, President  
Bert Wolfe  
Mike Wasson  
Patricia Taggart

**Staff in Attendance**

Dorothy Omietanski, Borough Secretary  
Bob DeBias, Solicitor  
Mike Whittaker, Licensed Water Operator  
Pat Slater, Water and Sewer Clerk  
Sheri Wheeler, Water Reader Meter

**Authority Members Absent:** Joe Nocito

**Staff Absent:** none

**Authority Members Late to Arrive:** none

**Guests in Attendance:** Mayor Mahon

**Call to Order:** Mr. Ludwig called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment:**

- DEP Document – Mayor Mahon apologized for the delay in her signature to a document Mr. Ludwig needed her to sign for new construction on Main Street. She did sign the document and send it out.

**Minutes:**

**Motion made by Mr. Wolfe seconded by Mr. Wasson to approve the minutes of August 24, 2020; Motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.**

**September Meeting:** October 26, 2020 meeting will be held by Zoom. Ms. Omietanski will advertise the meeting in the Courier Times and post at Borough Hall.

**Motion made by Mr. Ludwig and seconded by Mr. Wolfe to hold October 26, 2020 Authority meeting via zoom; motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.**

**Water and Sewer Clerk:**

- Quarterly Statements – The quarterly bills should go out Wednesday.

### **Water Meter Reader:**

- Meter Readings – Ms. Wheeler did struggle to get the meter readings completed but did accomplish the task. She is still waiting on a price to convert to a cell phone for meter reading. She has not heard back yet from the company.
- Meter Replacement – Ms. Wheeler sent a list of 50-meter replacements to BCWSA. They did state that they will start working on them, however this is a very busy time of year. They are currently busy completing hydrant flushings. Ms. Wheeler is also going door to door to collect phone numbers from residents in need of meter replacements. BCWSA requested accurate phone numbers in hopes it would expedite the process of scheduling appointments.
- Sewer Specialties Services – Sewer Specialties was completing their work today on McKinley Ave and Ms. Wheeler was contacted regarding a hole that now exists on a resident's property. The hole is coned off. Mr. Whittaker explained that when they jet clean a joint sometimes the water blows out through the seam of what they are fixing. This seems to describe the situation at hand. Mr. Ludwig will examine the hole in question tomorrow, and reach out to Steven Hartman, who is in charge of inspecting the work, completed by Sewer Specialties.

**Bills:** Mr. Ludwig presented the following bill to be paid: Carroll Engineering for \$135.00.

**Motion made by Ms. Taggart and seconded by Mr. Wolfe to pay the bill; motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.**

**Motion made by Ms. Taggart and seconded by Mr. Wolfe to buy another one month Zoom for October meeting not to exceed \$20; motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.**

**Correspondence:** none

### **New Business:**

- Lawn Sprinkler Systems – Mr. Ludwig received a call from a company installing a lawn sprinkler system at a resident's property on Ford Ave. They wanted to know the requirements for installation. Mr. Ludwig contacted Ms. Buchhofer who confirmed they needed a permit for installation of a back-flow meter and no secondary meter would be required. Mr. Whittaker pointed out that back flow meters should be inspected every two years to make sure they are functioning properly. Mr. DeBias asked if the Authority had an ordinance to cover this type of inspections. Mr. Ludwig is not sure, and will have to review the ordinances to see if one exists. Mr. Ludwig will also talk to Steve Hartman regarding the matter.

### **Old Business:**

- Manhole Repairs Main Street – There are still manholes on Main Street in need of chimney repairs. The work was to be completed mid-September when PENNDOT repaved the road. Mr. Ludwig will talk to Steve Hartman regarding this matter since he was the person in charge of coordinating this project.
- Meter Replacement – Mr. Ludwig stated that there may be extra money in the budget this year to increase the number of meter replacements due to the fact that work in the budget may not be completed due to COVID.
- Sewer Flows – Mr. Ludwig announced that for the second month in a row the sewer flow is in line with the water usage. Mr. Whittaker also pointed out that the water table is back to almost normal. All signs seem to be pointing to issues with residential laterals. The next project must be inspections of all laterals, clean out traps and vents. Ms. Taggart feels that sewer vent caps should be offered to all residents. The Authority could provide a free cap, and a list of licensed plumbers that can assist a resident with bringing the line above grade and capping it.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm; motion made by Mr. Wolfe seconded by Mr. Wasson; carried 3-0-0.**

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,  
Hulmeville Borough Secretary